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Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education how far is this school from the hostel ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Notice, Sir."

Working hours, pay, etc., of Vernacular Pandits in the Lady Willingdon College.

973 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of periods per week the Sanskrit, Tamil and Telugu Pandits and the Music teacher, teach on the average in the Lady Willingdon College ;

(b) the classes they take ; and

(c) the scale of pay on which they are respectively employed, their length of service and the actual pay they are drawing now ?

A.—The scale of pay sanctioned for the three pandits is Rs. 40—2—50 each a month. The post of music teacher is included in the cadre of secondary grade teachers, women's branch, which carries a pay of Rs. 45—3—90 with a selection grade on Rs. 100 for 20 per cent of the cadre. The Government have no information on the other points but have called for it.

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"May I ask the Minister for Education whether these pandits are whole-time men or part-time men ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"They are whole-time pandits."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—"If they are whole-time pandits, may I know why they are paid such a small salary as Rs. 40 a month ?"

Facilities for educational training in South Kanara district.

*974 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the percentage of trained teachers in the elementary schools in South Kanara ;

(b) the number of existing training schools in the district for the various grades and their capacity ;

(c) the number of applications received during each of the last three years for training in the said schools gradewar and the number selected out of each ;

(d) what steps, if any, the Government propose to take in the matter of providing additional facilities ; and

(e) whether Government have any proposals under consideration to give aid to private schools that train teachers ?

A.—(a) On the 31st March 1928 the percentage of trained teachers to the total number of teachers in elementary schools for boys in the South Kanara district was 47 and in elementary schools for girls 98.

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(b) The numbers are as shown below :—

For Masters.

One secondary training class.
Two higher elementary training classes.
One lower elementary training class.

For Mistresses.

One secondary training class.
Two higher elementary training classes.
One lower elementary training class.

Information as to the maximum number of students for whom accommodation is available in these classes is not available.

(c) The information is not available.
(d) The question of opening an additional training school in the district with higher and lower elementary training classes for women teachers is under consideration.
(e) Training schools opened by private agencies may be granted aid under the Grant-in-aid Code.

Local Boards

Amendment Bill to the Local Boards Act.

* 975 Q.—Mr. D. NARAYANA RAJU: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Bill prepared by Government to amend the Local Boards Act has been considered by the Local Boards Advisory Committee and if so, what their recommendations are; and

(b) when the Bill in question will be introduced in the Council?

A.—(a) Yes, and their recommendations are under consideration.
(b) The Bill will be introduced as soon as its provisions are finally settled.

Municipal Councils

Expenditure on road maintenance in Chidambaram Municipality.

* 976 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that in respect of road maintenance a sum of Rs. 4,933 was spent by the Chidambaram Municipal Council in excess of the budget amount for 1927-28;

(b) whether there are any records authorizing or sanctioning the excess expenditure;

(c) whether it is a fact that the original resolution book relating to this item is not available in the office;

(d) whether the municipal council by its resolution, dated 31st August 1928, disallowed Rs. 1,000 out of Rs. 4,933; and

(e) whether the Government propose to cause a thorough investigation to be made into items of expenditure mis-spent or spent in excess without the sanction of the Council and to recover the same from the person liable therefor?